AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

We Claim

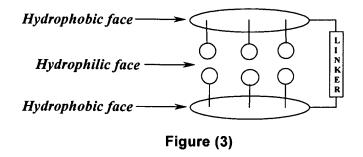
1. (previously presented) Antifungal steroidal dimers, N^1 , N^3 - diethylenetriamine bis [cholic acid amide] of formula (1), and N^1 , N^3 - diethylenetriamine bis [deoxycholic acid amide] of formula (2)

comprising amphiphilic topology as shown below:

2-6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) A method for the preparation of steroidal dimers N^1 , N^3 -diethylenetriamine bis [cholic acid amide] and N^1 , N^3 -diethylenetriamine bis [deoxycholic acid amide] having structural formula (1) and (2) respectively,

comprising amphiphilic topology as shown below:



said method comprising,

- a. preparing a solution of N-succinimidyl ester of bile acids in an organic solvent at a temperature ranging between 10 to 50 °C;
- b. adding diethylenetriamine to the solution of step (a) followed by stirring the same for a time duration ranging from 1 to 5 h at a temperature ranging between 20 to 70 °C to obtain a reaction mixture;
- c. quenching the reaction mixture of step (b) with ice to a form containing crude products having structural formula (1) and (2), and
- d. separating the crude products of step (c) and purifying the same to obtain the compound of formula (1) or (2).
- 8. (canceled)
- 9. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the organic solvent is selected from a group comprising chlorinated solvents such as chloroform and dichloromethane or polar aprotic solvents such as dimethylformamide and dimethylsulfoxide.

10-13. (canceled)